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SUBJ: RIYADH UNIVERSITY "ASTRONOMY WEEK"

1. DR AL-KHAYYAL, DEAN RIYADH UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HAS INFORMED USIS RIYADH OF PLANS FOR "ASTRONOMY WEEK" TO TAKE PLACE EARLY SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. DEAN REQUESTS OFFICIAL USG ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF FILMS, VTR'S, ETC. IN ADDITION, DEAN ASKS "FULL PARTICIPATION" NASA IN PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY, WISHES SPEAKERS, SPACE VEHICLE OR LARGE SCALE MODEL AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND SUFFICIENT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARABIAN PENINSULA TO MAKE UP IMPRESSIVE EXHIBIT. HE HOPES PHOTOS WILL BE PRESENTED TO UNIVERSITY, EQUIPMENT OFFERED ON LONG-TERM LOAN. DEAN WOULD LIKE NASA REP TO SUPERVISE NASA CONTRIBUTION TO "WEEK".

3. DEAN ALSO EAGER HAVE LARGE US COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT AND INDICATED SCIENCE FACULTY WILLING BUY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION (E.G. TELESCOPE, ATOMIC CLOCK) AND METEOROLOGY. IN PARTICULAR, HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY "VERY LARGE CONTRACT"

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TO BUILD, EQUIP NEW OBSERVATORY. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS FOLLOWING UP ON POSSIBLE US COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL AND WILL NOTIFY APPROPRIATE US AGENCIES LATER.

4. POST CONSIDERS PROPOSED PROGRAM EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY STRONG US EFFORT. REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INITIATE CONTACT

WITH NASA AND DETERMINE ITS INTEREST PARTICIPATE
"ASTRONOMY WEEK".

5. ADVISE PROGRESS ASAP.
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